

COUNTY PROFILE

Blue Earth Co.

Blue Earth Co. is a part of Economic Development Region 9, which is located in the Southwest Planning Region.



POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

2022 population:	69,631 people
Population change, 2010-2022	5,618 people 8.8% increase

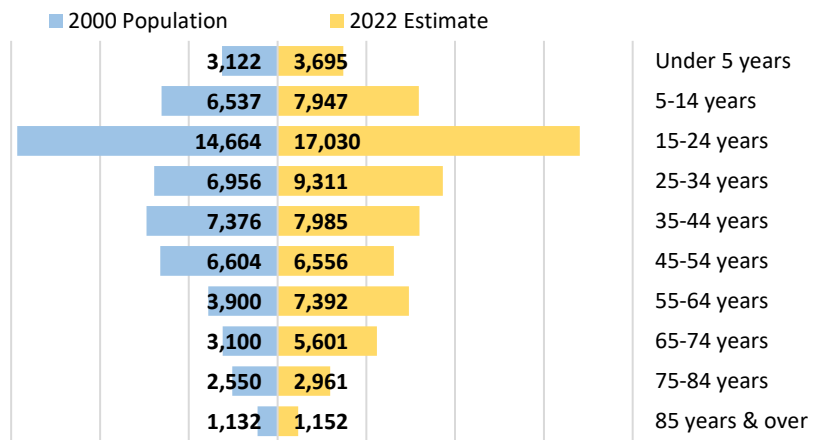
Median Age:	31.4 years
state:	38.3 years

Blue Earth Co. is the 13th largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population increased over the past decade, ranking as the 16th fastest growing in the state from 2010 to 2022. Blue Earth Co.'s population has a younger median age than the state and a smaller percentage of people aged 65 years and older. The population is aging, especially as the Baby Boom generation moves through the population pyramid (see Figure 1).

	Number	Percent
Under 5 years	3,695	5.3%
5-14 years	7,947	11.4%
15-24 years	17,030	24.5%
25-34 years	9,311	13.4%
35-44 years	7,985	11.5%
45-54 years	6,556	9.4%
55-64 years	7,392	10.6%
65-74 years	5,601	8.0%
75-84 years	2,961	4.3%
85 years & over	1,152	1.7%
Total Population	69,631	100.0%

Source: Census Population Estimates, 2017-2021 ACS

Figure 1. Population Pyramid, 2000-2022



Blue Earth Co. enjoyed a natural increase - more births than deaths from 2020 to 2022, but also experienced net in-migration - meaning more people moved in than moved out. Despite suffering domestic out-migration, Blue Earth Co. welcomed net international in-migration - gaining new Minnesotans from foreign countries (see Table 2).

Table 2. Cumulative Estimates of the Components of Population Change, 2020-2022

	Total Population Change	April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2022					
		Natural Increase	Vital Events		Net Migration		
			Births	Deaths	Total	International	Domestic
Blue Earth Co.	502	315	1,591	1,276	159	315	-156
State of Minnesota	10,680	26,917	144,350	117,433	-17,365	20,012	-37,377

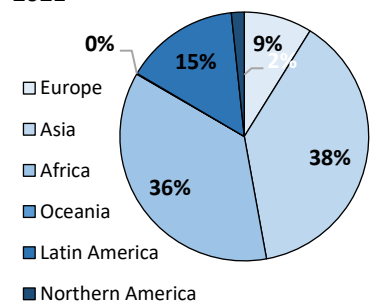
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

Compared to the state, Blue Earth Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2010 to 2021, Blue Earth Co. saw an increase in the number of foreign-born residents, which was faster than the statewide increase.

	Blue Earth Co.		Change 2010-2021		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change
Foreign-born Population	3,893	5.7%	1,389	55.5%	8.5%	30.6%
Europe	345	8.9%	15	4.5%	9.4%	0.3%
Asia	1,490	38.3%	415	38.6%	37.0%	30.2%
Africa	1,410	36.2%	731	107.7%	27.8%	89.8%
Oceania	4	0.1%	-8	-66.7%	0.4%	17.8%
Americas:	644	16.5%	236	57.8%	25.4%	6.8%
Latin America	579	14.9%	243	72.3%	23.0%	8.5%
Northern America	65	1.7%	-7	-9.7%	2.5%	-6.7%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 American Community Survey

Figure 2. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born Population, 2021



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Blue Earth Co.'s population was becoming more racially diverse over time. Since 2011, the county's white population increased and the number of people of other races increased (see Table 4).

Figure 3. Population by Race, 2021

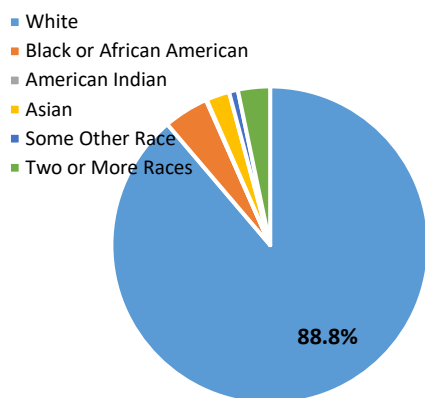


Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2021	Blue Earth Co.			Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Change from 2011-2021	Percent	Change from 2011-2021
Total	68,575	100.0%	8.2%	100.0%	7.4%
White	60,882	88.8%	3.4%	80.7%	0.4%
Black or African American	3,148	4.6%	96.3%	6.6%	42.2%
American Indian or Alaska Native	59	0.1%	-60.9%	0.9%	-8.0%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	1,622	2.4%	24.4%	5.0%	35.8%
Some Other Race	619	0.9%	99.0%	2.1%	66.5%
Two or More Races	2,245	3.3%	95.6%	4.6%	121.8%
Hispanic or Latino origin	2,767	4.0%	72.4%	5.6%	31.6%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 American Community Survey

POPULATION PROJECTIONS

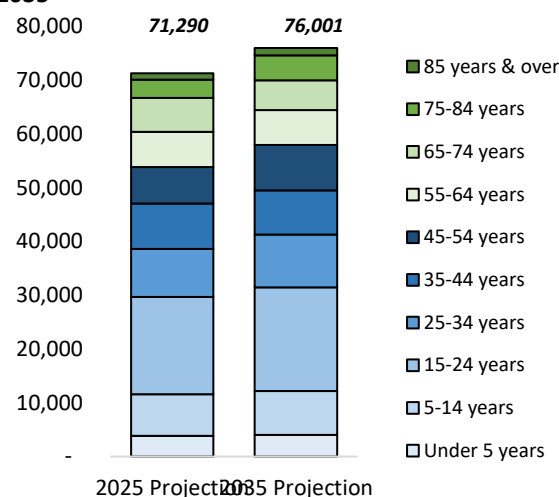
According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Blue Earth Co.'s population is expected to grow from 2025 to 2035, with a rate of change that is faster than the projected statewide growth rate (4.5%). In addition to the overall growth, the number of people aged 65 years and older is expected to increase over the next decade (see Figure 4 and Table 5).

Table 5. Population Projections by Age Group, 2025-2035

Blue Earth Co.	2025 Projection	2035 Projection	Numeric Change	Percent Change
Under 5 years	3,827	4,026	199	5.2%
5-14 years	7,762	8,173	411	5.3%
15-24 years	18,068	19,264	1,196	6.6%
25-34 years	8,947	9,825	878	9.8%
35-44 years	8,462	8,201	-261	-3.1%
45-54 years	6,788	8,437	1,649	24.3%
55-64 years	6,523	6,513	-10	-0.2%
65-74 years	6,333	5,520	-813	-12.8%
75-84 years	3,393	4,638	1,245	36.7%
85 years & over	1,187	1,404	217	18.3%
Total Population	71,290	76,001	4,711	6.6%

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

Figure 4. Projections by Age Group, 2025-2035



EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Blue Earth Co. has a higher percentage of adults (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma than the state (92.8%), and a higher percentage of people with at least some college experience. Blue Earth Co. also has a higher percentage of people with an Associate's degree and a lower percentage of people with a Bachelor's degree or higher.

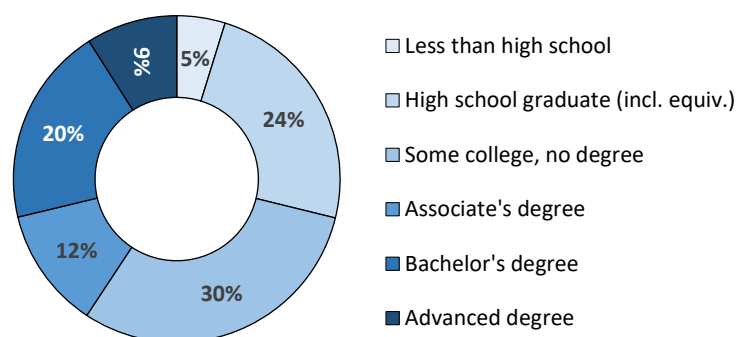
Percentage of the adult population (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma:

95.2%

College-educated: **71.2%**
state: 68.0%

Associate's Degree: **12.0%**
Bachelor's Degree: **19.7%**
Advanced Degree: **9.0%**

Figure 5. Educational Attainment, 2021



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 American Community Survey

LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 2.3%, Blue Earth Co. had a lower unemployment rate than the state in 2022. After the pandemic recession Blue Earth Co.'s unemployment rate decreased compared to 5.5% in 2020, and declined compared to the 2.9% pre-pandemic rate posted in 2019. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Blue Earth Co. declined over the past year, and is down compared to 2019.

40,267 available workers

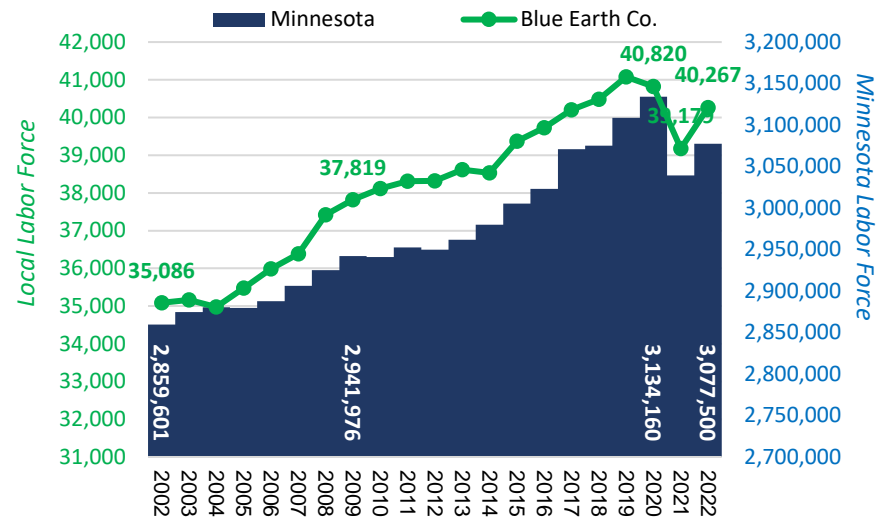
Labor Force change,
2007-2022 **3,880 workers**
10.7% increase

2.3% unemployment rate

2.7% state

926 unemployed workers

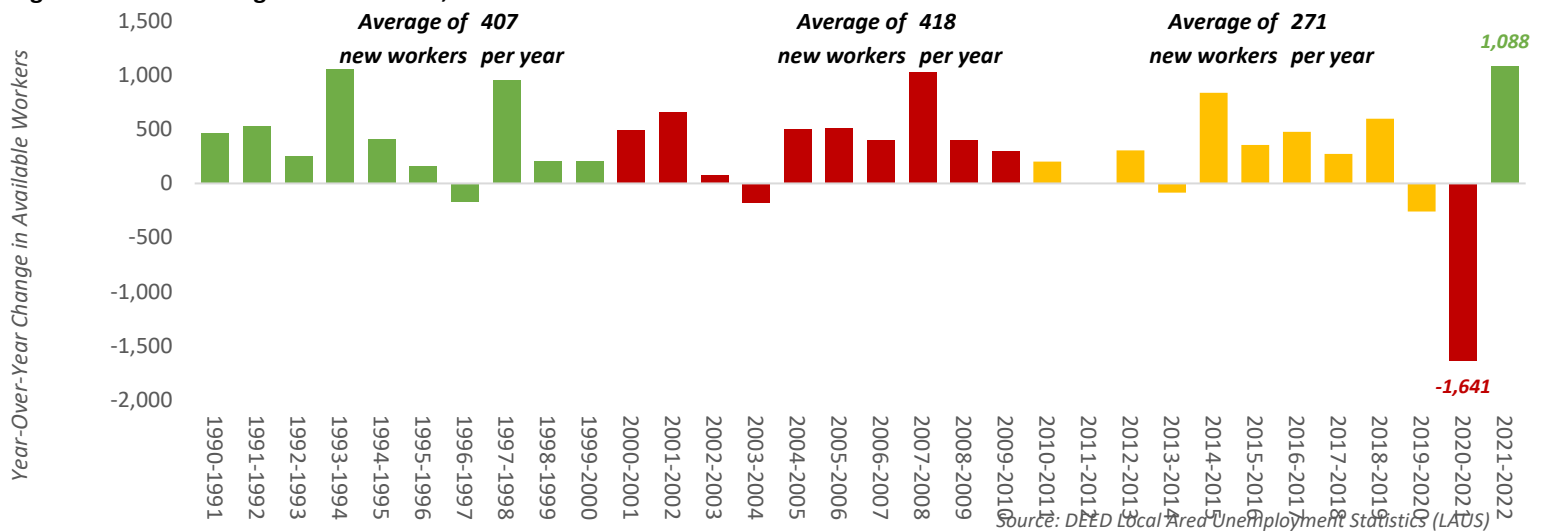
Figure 6. Annual Labor Force Estimates



Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Labor force growth has slowed in recent years. After experiencing a net gain of 406.7 workers each year from 1990 to 2000, Blue Earth Co. averaged an annual gain of 418.4 new workers from 2000 to 2010, and most recently a gain of 270.6 new workers since 2010 (see Figure 7). Moving forward, Blue Earth Co. is expected to add workers from 2025 to 2035 (see Table 6).

Figure 7. Annual Change in Labor Force, 1990-2022



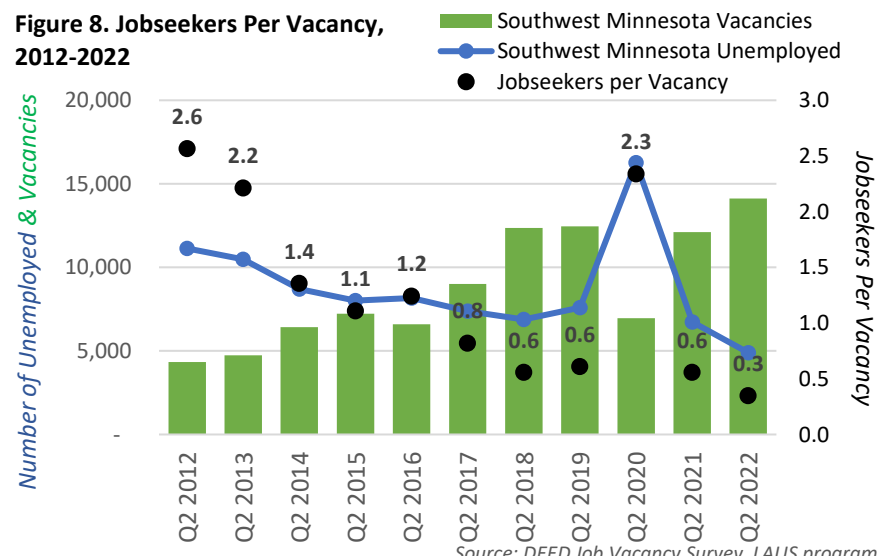
Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

Table 6. Labor Force Projections, 2025-2035	Labor Force Projection	
	2025	2035
16 to 24 years	12,389	13,429
25 to 54 years	21,586	23,562
55 to 64 years	4,926	4,918
65 years & over	2,164	2,007
Total Labor Force	41,065	43,916

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center, 2017-2021 ACS

The labor market had grown extremely tight in recent years, with less than 1 jobseeker per vacancy until the pandemic recession intervened in early 2020 and the number of unemployed workers spiked. Job vacancies in Southwest reached new highs in the 4th quarter of 2021, quickly bringing back challenges in finding new workers and 2022 showed the lowest jobseeker-per-vacancy ratio on record (see Figure 8).

Figure 8. Jobseekers Per Vacancy, 2012-2022



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, LAUS program

LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

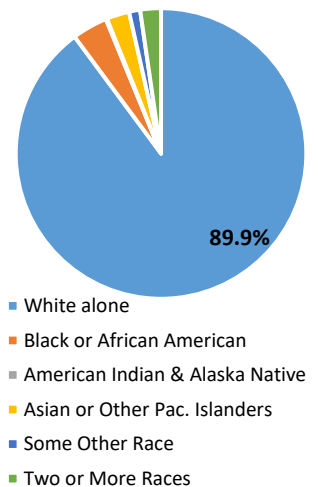
Blue Earth Co. had a higher labor force participation rate than the state. The labor force in Blue Earth Co. is less racially diverse than the state (where 82.6% of workers are white alone), but is becoming more diverse over time.

Table 7. Employment Characteristics, 2021

	Blue Earth Co.			Minnesota		Labor Force by Gender	
	In Labor Force (available workers)	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Male	Female
Total Labor Force	40,188	71.3%	3.4%	69.2%	4.0%	20,795	19,417
16 to 19 years	3,364	61.0%	7.0%	52.3%	10.7%	1,507	1,855
20 to 24 years	8,505	80.9%	3.6%	83.3%	6.7%	4,120	4,389
25 to 44 years	15,409	90.5%	3.7%	88.8%	3.6%	8,338	7,065
45 to 54 years	5,553	86.0%	1.9%	87.6%	3.0%	2,917	2,633
55 to 64 years	5,497	75.5%	1.9%	73.1%	3.2%	2,736	2,760
65 to 74 years	1,649	29.9%	1.2%	28.0%	3.2%	1,015	636
75 years & over	239	5.9%	7.1%	6.6%	2.9%	162	79
Employment Characteristics by Race & Hispanic Origin							
White alone	36,138	71.2%	3.1%	68.5%	3.4%		
Black or African American	1,585	68.4%	5.1%	71.9%	8.6%		
American Indian & Alaska Native	54	91.5%	0.0%	57.4%	12.9%		
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	1,017	68.4%	10.9%	72.7%	4.1%		
Some Other Race	496	91.0%	1.6%	75.8%	6.2%		
Two or More Races	926	77.1%	4.8%	74.1%	7.3%		
Hispanic or Latino	1,720	86.2%	8.0%	77.0%	6.6%		
Employment Characteristics by Disability							
With Any Disability	1,920	56.8%	12.9%	53.6%	9.9%		
Employment Characteristics by Educational Attainment							
Population, 25 to 64 years	26,463	86.0%	2.9%	84.4%	3.4%		
Less than H.S. Diploma	902	64.4%	2.4%	66.6%	4.6%		
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	5,507	80.9%	0.9%	77.3%	2.5%		
Some College or Assoc. Degree	9,706	87.5%	4.0%	85.1%	3.6%		
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	10,336	90.1%	2.0%	90.3%	2.1%		

Source: 2017-2021 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

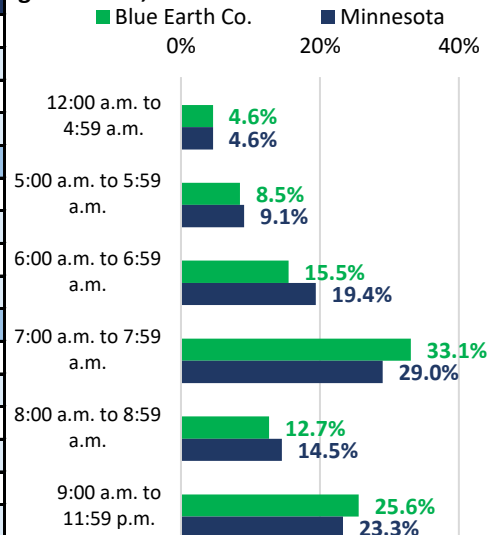
Figure 9. Labor Force by Race, 2021



A larger percentage of workers in Blue Earth Co. worked in the same county in which they live compared to the state. Blue Earth Co. also had a shorter average commute time than the state.

Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2021	Blue Earth Co.		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Worked in state of residence	37,247	99.7%	2,858,636	97.7%
Worked in county of residence	28,281	75.7%	1,922,337	65.7%
Worked out of county of residence	9,004	24.1%	933,372	31.9%
Worked outside state of residence	112	0.3%	67,296	2.3%
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK				
Car, truck, or van	32,465	86.9%	2,387,561	81.6%
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	598	1.6%	81,926	2.8%
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	1,308	3.5%	122,889	4.2%
Worked at home	2,951	7.9%	333,556	11.4%
TRAVEL TIME TO WORK				
Less than 10 minutes	8,555	22.9%	465,223	15.9%
10 to 19 minutes	17,633	47.2%	895,335	30.6%
20 to 29 minutes	5,380	14.4%	649,557	22.2%
30 to 44 minutes	3,400	9.1%	567,631	19.4%
45 to 59 minutes	971	2.6%	190,186	6.5%
60 or more minutes	1,382	3.7%	158,000	5.4%
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	17.8 minutes		23.5 minutes	

Figure 10. Time Leaving Home to go to Work, 2021



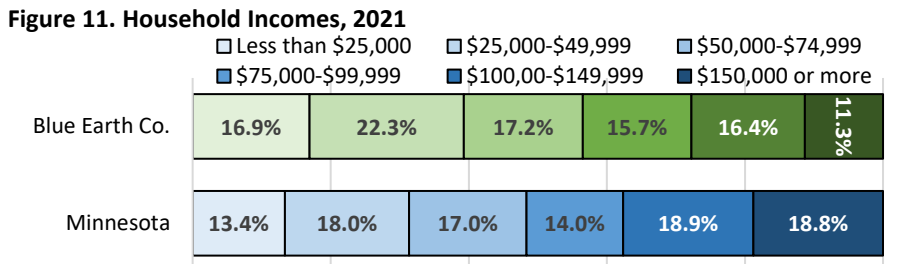
Source: 2017-2021 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING

Blue Earth Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Blue Earth Co. had the 39th highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.

Median Household Income	\$65,000
state	\$77,706
Median Family Income	\$84,460
state	\$98,356
Per Capita Income	\$32,121
state	\$41,204

Source: 2017-2021 American Community Survey



The cost of living has increased over the past 2 years with costs up in many areas. Blue Earth Co. had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$14.17 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$16.02 for a typical family with 2 adults and 1 child (see Table 9).

Table 9. Basic Needs Cost of Living Estimates, 2022

Single Adult, 0 children	Single Yearly Cost of Living	Hourly Wage Required	Monthly Costs						
			Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Transportation	Other	Taxes
Blue Earth Co.	\$29,483	\$14.17	\$0	\$352	\$152	\$743	\$597	\$300	\$313
State of Minnesota	\$33,708	\$16.21	\$0	\$359	\$157	\$903	\$663	\$345	\$382
Typical Family: 2 Adults (1 working full-time, 1 part-time), 1 child	Family Yearly Cost of Living	Hourly Wage Required	Monthly Costs						
			Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Transportation	Other	Taxes
Blue Earth Co.	\$49,975	\$16.02	\$260	\$804	\$538	\$990	\$689	\$491	\$393
State of Minnesota	\$60,540	\$19.40	\$579	\$822	\$561	\$1,151	\$772	\$540	\$620

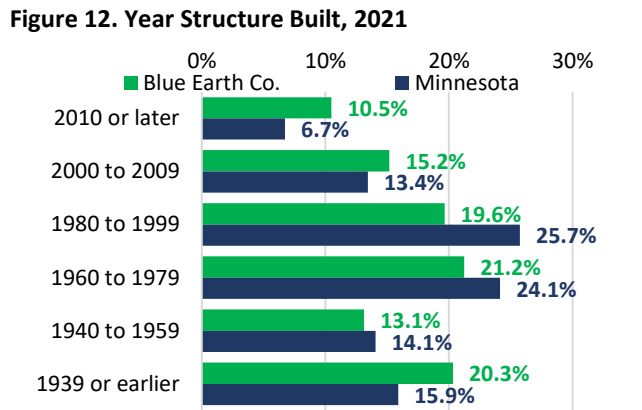
Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

Blue Earth Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 27th highest value of the 87 counties in 2021. Blue Earth Co.'s housing stock was newer than the state's, with a higher percentage of units built since 2000 (see Figure 12).

Table 10. Estimated Value of Owner-occupied Housing Units, 2021

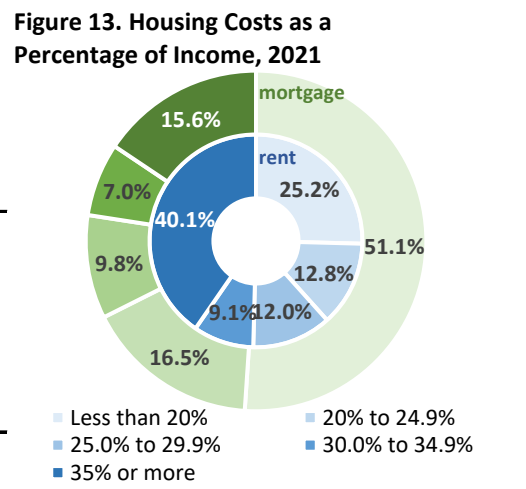
	Blue Earth Co.		Minnesota
	Total	Percent	Percent
Total	16,737	100.0%	100.0%
Less than \$50,000	1,170	7.0%	4.3%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	964	5.8%	6.1%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	2,281	13.6%	9.5%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	3,777	22.6%	14.8%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	4,824	28.8%	28.7%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	2,728	16.3%	26.4%
\$500,000 or more	993	5.9%	10.2%
Median (dollars)	\$203,200		\$250,200

Source: 2017-2021 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates



Median monthly owner costs, owner-occupied units with a mortgage	\$1,434
state	\$1,682
Percentage of households with a mortgage spending 30% or more of their income on housing costs	22.6%
state	21.7%
Median monthly rent costs	\$954
state	\$1,081
Percentage of renters spending 30% or more of their household income on rent	49.2%
state	45.4%

Source: 2017-2021 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates



OCCUPATIONS

At \$22.61 in 2023, wages were lower in Region 9 than the state. Overall, Region 9 had the 5th highest median hourly wage level of the 13 economic development regions in the state. Wages were highest for management occupations (\$45.43) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$14.54) (see Table 11).

Table 11. Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, 2023

Occupational Group	Region 9				State of Minnesota		
	Median Hourly Wage	Estimated Regional Jobs	Share of Total Jobs	Regional Location Quotient	Median Hourly Wage	State-wide Jobs	Share of Total Jobs
Total, All Occupations	\$22.61	99,520	100.0%	1.0	\$24.25	2,827,310	100.0%
Management	\$45.43	5,560	5.6%	0.8	\$51.58	193,760	6.9%
Business & Financial Operations	\$31.55	4,010	4.0%	0.6	\$38.19	201,940	7.1%
Computer & Mathematical	\$37.11	1,170	1.2%	0.3	\$49.73	99,250	3.5%
Architecture & Engineering	\$37.38	1,530	1.5%	0.8	\$40.60	53,100	1.9%
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$31.23	820	0.8%	0.8	\$39.37	29,070	1.0%
Community & Social Service	\$25.09	2,520	2.5%	1.3	\$25.82	54,820	1.9%
Legal	\$33.36	380	0.4%	0.6	\$47.87	18,730	0.7%
Education, Training & Library	\$28.27	6,560	6.6%	1.2	\$24.82	158,830	5.6%
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$23.49	1,110	1.1%	0.8	\$28.80	37,630	1.3%
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$37.27	5,550	5.6%	0.8	\$41.07	186,700	6.6%
Healthcare Support	\$15.81	5,840	5.9%	1.0	\$17.40	162,400	5.7%
Protective Service	\$26.80	1,270	1.3%	0.9	\$25.83	40,620	1.4%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$14.54	8,730	8.8%	1.1	\$14.89	216,970	7.7%
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$17.87	2,760	2.8%	1.0	\$18.26	76,210	2.7%
Personal Care & Service	\$15.07	2,030	2.0%	1.0	\$16.96	58,120	2.1%
Sales & Related	\$15.30	8,840	8.9%	1.0	\$18.14	239,500	8.5%
Office & Administrative Support	\$20.41	11,430	11.5%	0.9	\$23.06	345,830	12.2%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$18.84	290	0.3%	2.0	\$19.84	4,060	0.1%
Construction & Extraction	\$27.63	4,130	4.1%	1.0	\$31.00	113,930	4.0%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$24.77	4,590	4.6%	1.3	\$27.95	98,670	3.5%
Production	\$19.91	11,040	11.1%	1.5	\$22.07	209,380	7.4%
Transportation & Material Moving	\$19.57	9,370	9.4%	1.2	\$19.80	227,780	8.1%

Source: DEED Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, Qtr. 1 2023

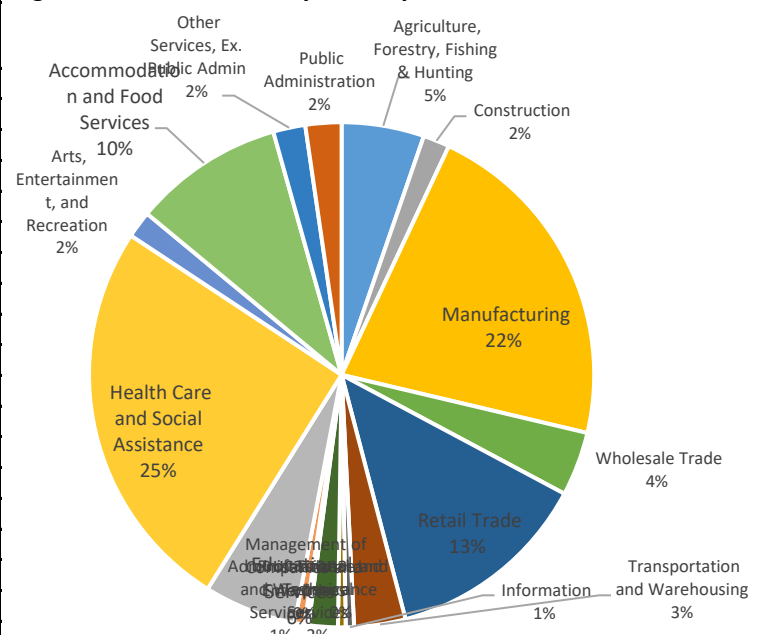
JOB VACANCY SURVEY

Blue Earth Co. is a part of the Southwest planning region. There were 14128 job vacancies posted by employers in 2022, indicating extensive opportunity in the region, with openings across several occupations and industries (see Figure 14).

Table 12. Southwest Job Vacancy Survey Results, 2022

Occupational Group	Number of Vacancies	Wage Offer
Total, All Occupations	14,128	\$16.55
Management	430	\$27.04
Business & Financial Operations	151	\$24.64
Computer & Mathematical	99	\$31.77
Architecture & Engineering	130	\$27.09
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	69	\$20.91
Community & Social Service	159	\$25.21
Education, Training & Library	731	\$17.88
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	1,252	\$25.17
Healthcare Support	1,290	\$14.92
Protective Service	142	\$19.76
Food Preparation & Serving Related	2,626	\$13.56
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	379	\$15.50
Personal Care & Service	135	\$12.78
Sales & Related	1,467	\$14.33
Office & Administrative Support	766	\$14.07
Construction & Extraction	165	\$17.90
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	554	\$22.90
Production	1,782	\$18.26
Transportation & Material Moving	786	\$17.46

Figure 14. Job Vacancies by Industry, 2022



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, 2022

OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND

Table 13. Southwest Occupations in Demand, 2022

Less than High School	High School or Equivalent	Some College or Assoc. Deg.	Bachelor's Degree or Higher
Home Health and Personal Care Aides \$30,145/yr	Nursing Assistants \$33,957/yr	Registered Nurses \$76,734/yr	Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education \$53,146/yr
Retail Salespersons \$28,932/yr	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses \$48,351/yr	Clinical Laboratory Technologists and Technicians \$55,177/yr	General and Operations Managers \$79,034/yr
Cashiers \$25,982/yr	Medical Assistants \$41,596/yr	Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers \$59,965/yr	Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical \$57,121/yr
Fast Food and Counter Workers \$24,598/yr	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics \$37,127/yr	Magnetic Resonance Imaging Technologists \$79,803/yr	Accountants and Auditors \$64,075/yr
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers \$45,543/yr	Electricians \$57,423/yr	Industrial Engineering Technologists and Technicians \$51,741/yr	Substance abuse, behavioral disorder, and mental health \$51,967/yr
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers \$43,858/yr	Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers \$49,409/yr	Surgical Technologists \$57,436/yr	Substitute Teachers, Short-Term \$35,428/yr
Waiters and Waitresses \$25,523/yr	Machinists \$48,003/yr	Radiologic Technologists and Technicians \$65,570/yr	Project Management Specialists and Business Operations \$60,798/yr
Stockers and Order Fillers \$30,099/yr	Industrial Machinery Mechanics \$52,667/yr	Veterinary Technologists and Technicians \$37,547/yr	Pharmacists \$134,918/yr
Customer Service Representatives \$37,334/yr	Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists \$29,742/yr	Electrical and Electronic Engineering Technologists and Technicians \$58,234/yr	Middle School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical \$60,938/yr
Teaching Assistants, Except Postsecondary \$29,982/yr	Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics \$36,614/yr	Forest and Conservation Technicians \$47,186/yr	Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Technical and \$54,030/yr

Source: DEED Occupations in Demand

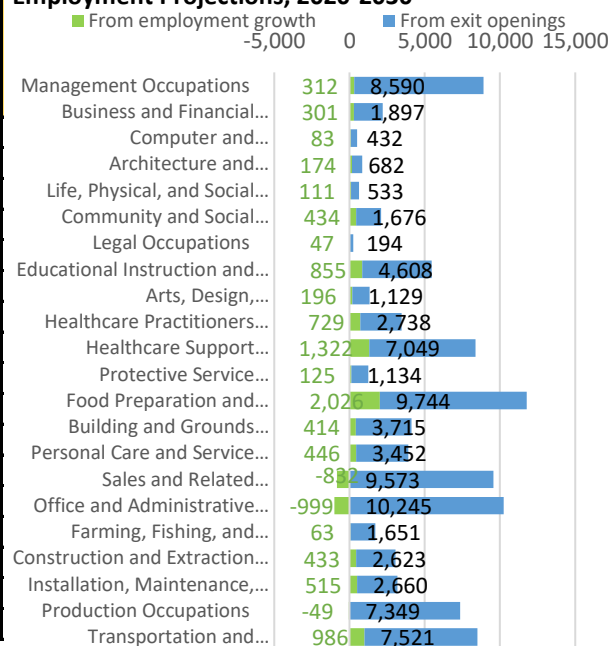
Blue Earth Co. is a part of the Southwest planning region, which is projected to see a 3.9% increase in employment levels over the next decade. In addition to new jobs created, there will be a much larger number of exit openings (see Figure 15).

Table 14. Regional Industry Employment Projections, 2020-2030

Southwest Planning Region	Estimated Employment 2020	Projected Employment 2030	Percent Change 2020-2030
Total, All Industries	195,812	203,504	3.9%
Natural Resources & Mining	5,931	6,026	1.6%
Utilities	713	735	3.1%
Construction	7,573	8,082	6.7%
Manufacturing	30,107	30,719	2.0%
Wholesale Trade	8,045	8,118	0.9%
Retail Trade	18,569	17,653	-4.9%
Transportation & Warehousing	7,385	7,817	5.8%
Information	2,152	2,001	-7.0%
Finance & Insurance, Real Estate	8,098	8,232	1.7%
Professional Services & Mgmt. of Companies	5,283	5,512	4.3%
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt.	3,421	3,636	6.3%
Educational Services	15,564	16,274	4.6%
Health Care & Social Assistance	29,352	32,081	9.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	11,744	14,382	22.5%
Other Services	6,756	7,462	10.4%
Public Administration	13,193	13,517	2.5%

Source: DEED 2020-2030 Employment Outlook

Figure 15. Regional Occupational Employment Projections, 2020-2030



ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

Coming out of the pandemic recession, after gaining jobs over the past year, Blue Earth Co. had the 12th largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Blue Earth Co. was the 25th fastest growing in the past year and the 54th fastest growing since 2019. From 2019 to 2022, employment in Blue Earth Co. is still down from the pandemic recession.

2,113 business establishments

\$53,500 annual average wage

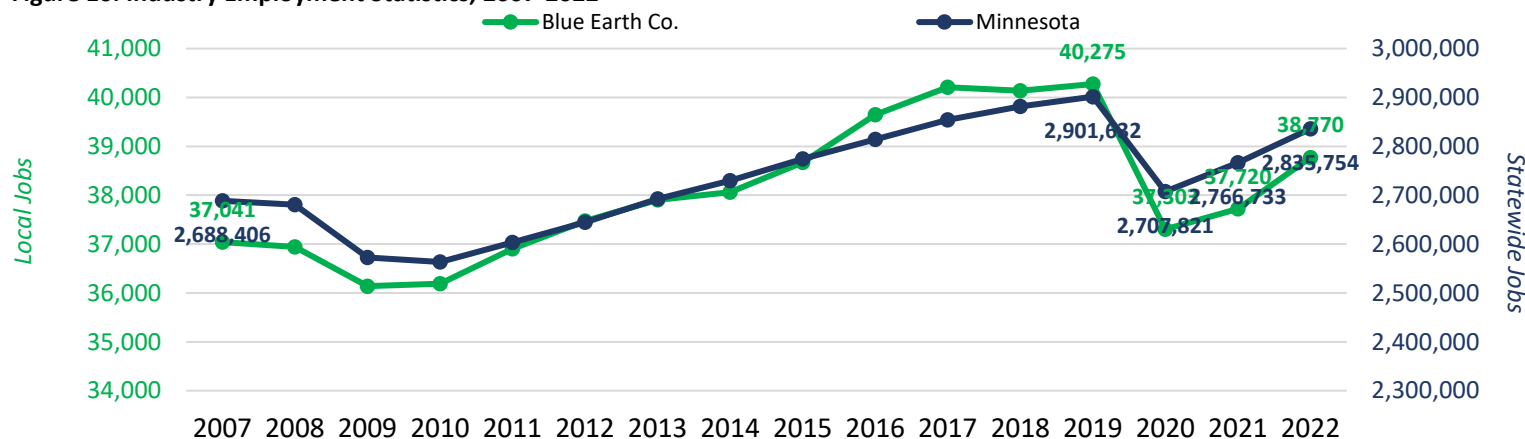
38,770 jobs

\$2,074,209,476 total industry payroll

Job change,
2019-2022

-1,505 jobs
-3.7% decline

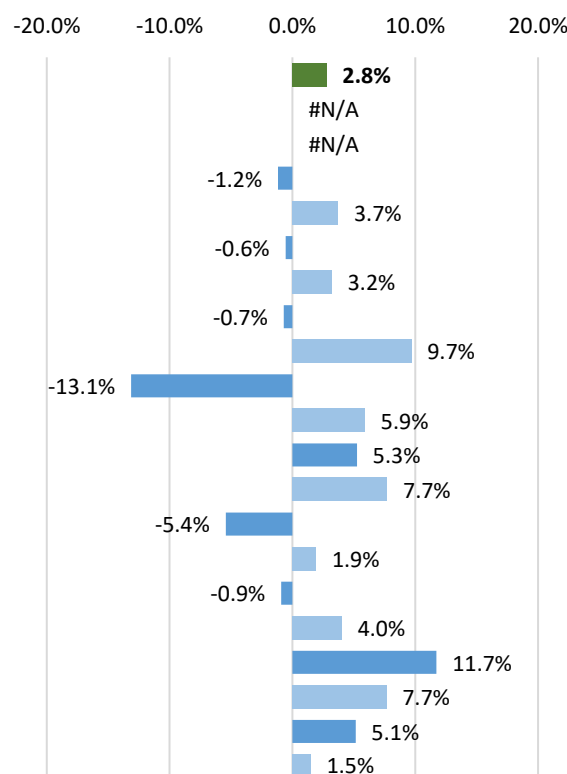
Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2007-2022



Source: DEED QCEW program

Table 15. Blue Earth Co. Industry Employment Statistics, 2022	Number of Jobs	Percent of Total Jobs	Average Annual Wage
Total, All Industries	38,770	100.0%	\$53,500
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Mining	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Construction	1,865	4.8%	\$69,836
Manufacturing	4,234	10.9%	\$72,121
Utilities	179	0.5%	\$103,571
Wholesale Trade	1,062	2.7%	\$78,623
Retail Trade	5,498	14.2%	\$33,880
Transportation & Warehousing	1,607	4.1%	\$51,342
Information	523	1.3%	\$59,865
Finance & Insurance	1,184	3.1%	\$88,628
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	801	2.1%	\$37,815
Professional & Technical Services	1,158	3.0%	\$84,523
Management of Companies	157	0.4%	\$90,269
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	955	2.5%	\$40,441
Educational Services	3,688	9.5%	\$59,051
Health Care & Social Assistance	8,397	21.7%	\$59,002
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	515	1.3%	\$16,480
Accommodation & Food Services	3,811	9.8%	\$19,093
Other Services	1,410	3.6%	\$35,774
Public Administration	1,292	3.3%	\$66,120

Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2021-2022



Source: DEED Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages (QCEW)

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